

Irving Elementary

Start Time 7:50 AM; Dismissal 3:00 PM
 500 West Clinton Avenue || 515.961.9560 || <http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us>

Highlights

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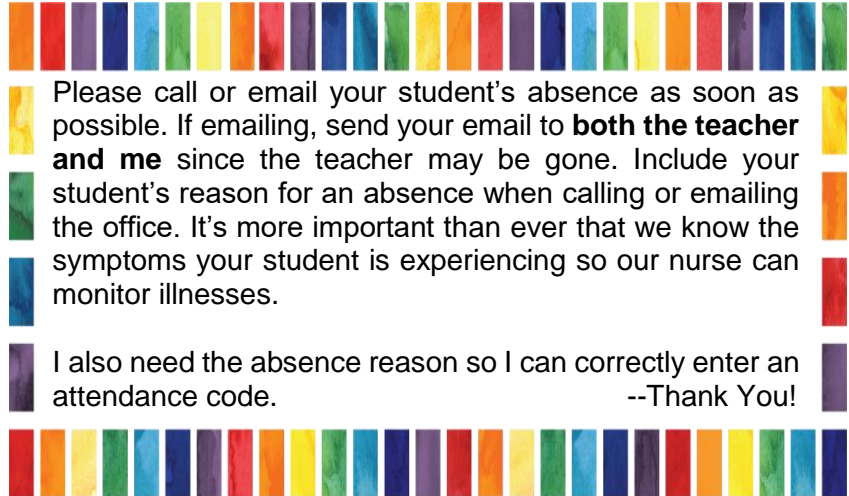
- ✓ Yearbook
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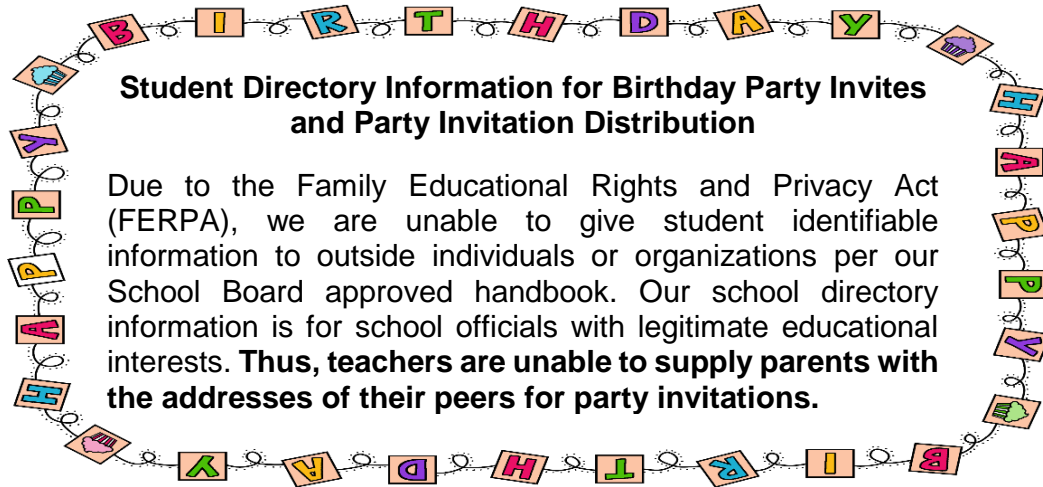
- ✓ New Bus Pass Procedure



Please call or email your student's absence as soon as possible. If emailing, send your email to **both the teacher and me** since the teacher may be gone. Include your student's reason for an absence when calling or emailing the office. It's more important than ever that we know the symptoms your student is experiencing so our nurse can monitor illnesses.

I also need the absence reason so I can correctly enter an attendance code.

--Thank You!



Student Directory Information for Birthday Party Invites and Party Invitation Distribution

Due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we are unable to give student identifiable information to outside individuals or organizations per our School Board approved handbook. Our school directory information is for school officials with legitimate educational interests. **Thus, teachers are unable to supply parents with the addresses of their peers for party invitations.**

At Irving We Are...

- S** Safe
- T** Trustworthy
- R** Respectful & Responsible
- O** On Time & On Task
- N** Neighborly
- G** Growing

Irving Strong On time/On Task

We will be focusing on our guideline for success - On Time/On Task for the month of January.

Indianola Schools offers lunch and breakfast each day. Menus are available here: [Irving Menu](#).

The following options are offered daily:

- Breakfast: Assorted Cereals and Mozzarella Stick
- Lunch: Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Goldfish and Granola

Monday January 24	Tuesday January 25	Wednesday January 26	Thursday January 27	Friday January 28
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
*** Menus are subject to change without notice. ***				
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Pancake on a Stick Fruit	Pop Tart Yogurt Cherry Craisins	Chocolate Breakfast Bread Fruit	Lil' John Donut Raisins	Mini Chocolate Chip French Toast Fruit
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Chicken Tenders Roll Mashed Potatoes Peppered Biscuit Gravy Fruit Celery	Hot Dog Bun Baked Beans Fruit Fresh Carrots	Spaghetti and Meat Breadstick Lettuce Fruit Cauliflower	Cheese Bites Marinara Sauce Cooked Carrots Fruit Cucumber	Cheese Pizza Crunchers Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fruit Lettuce

1% white milk, chocolate milk and water are always offered with lunches.

If you need assistance, the free and reduced meal application is available here: [Free-and-Reduced-Meal-Application-Information](#). Indianola Schools is an equal opportunity provider. || ***** Menus are subject to change without notice. *****

*FREE
LUNCH
ANY ONE?*

The USDA recently extended the Summer Food Program guidelines for emergency COVID meals for all school-aged children. Breakfast and lunch meals will be FREE TO ALL students **until funds run out**.



Not receiving text messages from the Indianola Community School District? You can opt-in by texting YES to 87569. (Standard message and data rates apply.) **If you still aren't receiving ICSD text messages, please contact your building secretary to confirm we have the correct contact information on file.**

fyi, Irving Events

Link to the Year-Round Calendar: [2021-22 Year-Round Calendar](#)

Every Wednesday..... Early Dismissal (2:00 for bus riders/2:05 for pick up/ walkers.)

February 3 Art Fair, Book Fair, Cookies and Cocoa (see info below)
February 7 PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. (in-person at Irving library and on Zoom)
February 15, 16, 17..... Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 18 **No School** for Students
March 7..... PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. (in-person at Irving library and on Zoom)
March 11-18..... Spring Break
March 21-25..... Intersession (Details will be forthcoming)
April 4 PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. (in-person at Irving library and on Zoom)
May 2..... PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. (in-person at Irving library and on Zoom)

Cookies and Cocoa

This year we have combined our cookies and cocoa sale with the Art Show and Book Fair! Please consider pre-ordering from the flyer that was sent home last week, or from our square app link: [Cookies and Cocoa](#) . If you don't preorder you are still welcome to attend and we will have cookies and cocoa available for purchase the day of the event (Thursday, Feb 3, from 4-7 PM)

Thanks,
Irving PTO Board

Book Fair **In-School Irving Scholastic Book Fair**

Student Previews: Feb. 1 - Feb. 3

Family Shopping Night: Feb. 3 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
(along with the Art Show and Cookies and Cocoa)

Student Shopping by Classroom: Feb. 4, 7, 8, & 9
(more information to come home soon)

Online Shopping: Feb. 1 - Feb. 14: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/irvingelementaryschool23>

Mrs. Burris and Mrs. Beck

Art Fair

Who: Your Artists

What: Mr. Rogers Art Show!!!

When: February 3, 2022, 4:00-7:00 PM

Where: Irving 4th & 5th Grade Hallway



Dental and Vision Screenings



Kindergarten: Parents please make sure you have turned in your **dental and vision** screenings as soon as possible. These are mandatory screenings and need to be turned in prior to our state vision and dental audits.

Third Grade: Parents please make sure you have turned in your child's **vision screens**. These are mandatory screenings and need to be turned in prior to our state vision audit.



2021-22 Irving Yearbook

We need your help to make the 2021-2022 Irving yearbook great!

Please email any school-related pictures to irvingelementaryyearbook@gmail.com.



District/Community Events



You can search/subscribe to upcoming events in the district's

Digital Backpack:

www.indianola.k12.ia.us/digital-backpack

Change of Address

Are you moving? Or have you moved recently? If so, please complete and return the [Change of Address Form](#) with your proof of residence, as outlined below, as soon as possible to Denise Moss, District Enrollment Coordinator. You may drop them off at the District Office, email them to enrollment@indianola.k12.ia.us, or fax them to 515-961-9505.



A copy of one of the following documents will suffice as proof of residence, as long as it is complete, and lists the custodial parent/guardian's current address:

- Printed Verification Page from the [Warren County Assessor site](#)
- Current Mortgage Statement or Current Property Tax Document
- Lease Agreement with Term Listed, signed by Landlord and Parent/Guardian
- Settlement Statement or Warranty Deed from New Home Closing
- Purchase Contract with Possession/Closing Date, signed by All Parties; or
- Current Utility Bill or Utility Deposit Receipt with Service Address and Service Dates shown.

Please allow **at least three business days** for transportation changes, and contact Denise with any questions.

Thank you!

Building Notes

The bell rings at 7:50 AM. Your child will be counted tardy starting at **7:51** either as excused:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• illness,• family emergencies,• recognized religious observances,• to accompany parents out of town, to attend funerals, etc.; | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• appointments that cannot be scheduled outside the school day,• school-sponsored or approved activities; |
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or unexcused with no note from the parent or for simply being late. Unexcused absences also include, but are not limited to:

- shopping,
- hunting,
- concerts,
- preparation/participation in parties/celebrations,
- and employment.

Truancy will not be tolerated by the board. Ref.: **School Board Policies 501.3, 501.9, 501.10**

You are now able to view absences and tardies by accessing your PowerSchool portal account.

As a courtesy, please call or email any changes to your child's pick-up arrangements for that day by **12:30 PM** unless you have an emergency.



Our Lost and Found rack is now in the hallway across from the gym for parents to check out.

Please put your child's name on the labels of coats, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, etc., so we can return the lost items—even if you only put the first name.

Exiting the Building:

- **Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades** will enter/exit through the **southwest doors**.
- **1st, 3rd and 5th grades** will enter/exit through the **north door**.

Families with children in multiple grade levels may decide on one designated pick-up area. Please notify the classroom teachers of your decision.

Guidelines for Indoor Recess:

If the temperature and/or feels-like temperature is 10° or below or 100° and above, students stay inside for recess.

Students will also come into the building starting at 7:30 in the morning.

Recess and Lunch Time Reminders:

AM Recess

K	9:25-9:40
1 st /2 nd	9:50-10:05

PM Recess

3 rd /4 th	2:00-2:15
1 st /2 nd	2:25-2:40
K	2:40-2:55

Lunch	Time	Recess
K	10:50-11:10	11:10-11:35
1 st	11:05-11:25	11:25-11:50
2 nd	11:20-11:40	11:40-12:05
3 rd	11:35-11:55	11:55-12:20
4 th	11:50-12:10	12:10-12:35
5 th	12:05-12:25	12:25-12:55

Cell Phones/Electronic Communication Devices

Students may possess a cellular telephone or other electronic communication devices (ECD) in school and at school related functions provided that **during school hours and on school vehicles the cell phone or ECD is powered off, concealed and not in use.**

Students are prohibited from using a cell phone or having it powered on during the school day.

Notes from the Transportation Department:

All bus students are expected to wear their seat belt during their bus route. If you child is having trouble with the seat belt, please ask the bus driver for help.

The middle school is a transfer point **only** for before and after school. Parents should be dropping off and picking up their children at their attendance center if they have plans other than their typical bussing needs.

According to the Student Transportation Handbook (found on the Indianola website): ‘... *Elementary parents cannot pick up or drop off elementary students at the Middle School for transportation.*’

*****NEW*****. Starting this school year, bus passes will now be approved by the Transportation Department and not your student's school office. The request will need to be submitted **no fewer than 3 business days** before the day of the trip to allow for proper planning. Passes normally will be approved as long as there is room on the bus and the request is submitted on time. To contact Transportation, please call 515-961-9592 or e-mail ryan.whitesitt@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up Information

Dear Families:

Our student drop-off/pick-up procedures are designed to maintain a safe and orderly arrival and dismissal for you, our students, and our staff. The following guidelines provide a general awareness to all involved as well as provide information that will help expedite the process.



Safety Rules

- Vehicles **MAY NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED** in the “car rider lane” on Clinton Street from 7:30-8:20 AM and 2:40-3:25 PM. If you must leave your vehicle, please use an official parking space.
- Listen to school personnel for directions.
- Always be on the lookout for others.

- There will be one lane for pick-up/drop-off on Clinton Avenue. No double and triple parking.
- Students will not be allowed to go in-between cars to get to their own vehicle for drop off/pick-up.
- Students will not be allowed to load and unload in the intersection of Clinton and D Street or Detroit and D Street.
- Parents should not park behind the parked cars along the fence to the playground or on D Street to load or unload their student(s).

Student Arrival Directions

- Parents will not be able to enter the building at this time.
- All students must be supervised. **Irving Elementary will provide supervision beginning at 7:30 AM.**
- On Clinton Street, please pull all the way to the west end of the car rider lane and unload close to the ramp.
- Please have your student prepared to exit the vehicle at the appropriate time to keep traffic flowing.
- Students may not be dropped off from the street on Detroit or D Street. Please utilize the Simpson parking lots on the north side of Irving and have the students cross at the crosswalk.
- **Students MUST be IN CLASS at 7:50 AM. They are tardy at 7:51 AM.**

Student Dismissal Directions

- Dismissal for bus begins at 3:00. **Only bus students may be dismissed at this time.**
- If you need to pick your child up early, **you will need to park in an official parking place, come into the main office and sign your child out.**
- Dismissal for car riders and walkers begins at 3:05.
- Dismissal areas-
 - North Door—1st, 3rd and 5th grades
 - Southwest Door—Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades
 - Families with children in multiple grade levels may decide on one designated pick-up area. Please notify the classroom teachers of your decision.
- Please pull all the way up to the ramp area to allow us to load the maximum number of cars at one time. (All students will come from the ramp area on the west end of the building.)
- With proper flow, approximately 4-5 cars can pick up at one time, leave and then allow 4-5 more cars to pick up near the ramp.
- Teachers will be there to assist students to get to their car. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED IN THE PICK-UP LANE.**

Other Available Options

- There are two Simpson parking lots to the north of the building where you can plan to meet your child after school.
- Parking is also available on one of the side streets in the area. You may park and walk to meet your child at school.
- If your child qualifies for transportation services, they may utilize the District's busing.

- The Simpson parking lot on the south side of Clinton **IS NOT** available for parents to utilize before and after school for parking.

We ask for your focus and patience as all parents and students learn the new procedures. Please remember that traffic is always heavier at the start of the school year, so plan your time accordingly. The Indianola Police Department will be prominent during the first week and a half of school to help maintain procedures and traffic flow.

Derek Morris, Principal



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..... **Code No. 102.E2**

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who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504 and Iowa Code 280.3 (2007).